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To the Members of the "Roundup" and "Happy Hours Brotherhood"

It is with a great feeling of humbleness and thanks that I write this letter of appreciation to those of you who made it possible for the "Memorial Plaque" dedicated to my father which is to be placed on the walls of the "Business Men's Association," at Camden, Maine.

My father and I were very close, particularly during the last years of his life, and when he went, I lost both my father and a pal.

I have written to many of you about the "Merriwell" radio program which follows closely the morals and spirit of my father's stories. Your response has been grand and I only hope you enjoy the broadcasts one half as much as you did reading the stories in days gone by.

Dad loved "The Business Mens Association" at Camden. Practically all of his fishing partners and pals there are gone, but there are a few left who loved him and who will be very proud of "The Memorial to Gil," as they always affectionally called him.

To all of you who have been so kind to my father's memory goes my most heartfelt thanks and good wishes.

If I can ever be of service to any of you be sure that it will indeed be a pleasure.

Best wishes to you all.

H. B. Patten

NEWSY NEWS

By Ralph F. Cummings

P. J. Moran, 619 Santa Ray Ave., Oakland 10, Calif. was here to visit ye editor Cummings. He came Oct. 3rd and left on the 5th. We went up and visited Clyde Wakefield, and wanted to meet lots of other fellows but didn't have the time. If Pat could have put the Pullman on his R. R. ticket off a few days, we were going to skip down and see Bill Burns, as Bill wanted to see him very bad. Bill was here a week before, for about 3 days. On Sunday, I left Pat here to look over my story papers, while I marched in the Freedom Train Parade in Worcester, 9 miles from here. I was dressed in Redmen's regalia, and marched in the Redmens parade. There were 7

Divisions of various organizations. Frank Henry and Clyde Wakefield were also in the parade and in full Redmen regalia. I wanted to get Bro. Moran in it, but I guess he was afraid of his scalp for when we Indians go on a rampage, oh boy, the hair sure flies. We wanted to dress Pat up as a chief, but he wasn't taking any chances. Said he'd rather look over old story papers instead.

I went to Boston, to a Redmen's banquet at Hotel Manger, on the night of Oct. 17th. There were 9 Redmen from Quimsigamond Lodge No. 7, of Worcester, Mass. Many of them are book readers, Frank Henry, Thomas Funderberk, Frank Chandler, Stanley Van Demark, Bart Toune, George Dickey, Ernie Rowal, Jim Cainners and Reckless Ralph himself. And what a

feed, corn and venison (turkey). Next day, Saturday, I had Don Learnard of Arlington meet me, and after introducing him to Frank Henry and some of the other fellows, we went up to Swampscott and paid Bro. Albert Stone a visit, then up to Lynn to a few book and Antique stores, then back to Boston, then out to the Haunted House at Arlington. Went up to the haunted attic too, where Don's office is, and on Sunday afternoon we went up to meet Bro. George S. Barton. Don's son and son's friend took us up there. I stayed with George that night and next morning we went down to Boston, he to work, and I myself to travel around to the various book-stores and then homeward bound Monday afternoon.

Oct. 25th Edward Golden of Noroton Heights, Conn., came up to visit me, and run into Clyde Wakefield before he came out here.

Nick Whiffles, The Trapper's Guide appeared in the New York Weekly in 1867 and again in 1874. Must have had many requests for it to be reprinted again.

We understand that Phillip S. Warne was a colored man. He wrote some fine stories in the Beadles Novels and Story Papers.

Oll Coomes wrote under the pen names of Roy St. Leger and Luke Cuyler.

Stanley Pachon says, that the moving picture serial, "Jesse James Rides Again," appeared down in Bethlehem. I saw most of it up here in the Family theatre in Worcester, also saw "Jesse James," also "Frank James" too. 3 different picture shows.

Edward S. Ellis had a serial "When Courage Wins or the Old Farmer's Treasure," in New Tip Top Weekly. It started in No. 132. The editor said it was a brand new story.

George H. Hess Jr. says: Referring to Mr. C. W. Daniel's very valuable list of Aldine papers in the March, 1947, issue of the Dime Novel Round-up, I would like to say that this list has been of great aid to me as I own quite a number of Aldine publications. I have recently secured some additional items and give certain information that I have gotten from looking these numbers through, thinking this might be of value in the interest of completeness of Mr. Daniel's list.

Boxing Novels—Mr. Daniel says he

only knows of 91 numbers. I have the title of 92—it is called "Fighting Mac" by Richard Worth.

Aldine War Stories—This library is not mentioned by Mr. Daniel. I have titles of numbers 15-28.

Aldine Thrillers—Mr. Daniel mentions 28 titles. I have a list of titles to number 41.

Football Novels—I have a list of various titles to #88—Mr. Daniel only knows of 56.

Wild West Yarns—not mentioned by Mr. Daniel. I have numbers 8 and 45.

It may be that these subsequent titles were never published as I own very few of them. Hoping this additional information may be of value to some other collectors.

Just out, Beadles Dime Library #165 Joaquim, the Terrible, rarest of the rare, of real old California true histories of Joaquim Murieta, who was driven into crime, and became one of California's most feared outlaws of the time. Price \$1.00.

Also Wide Awake Library #479. The James Boys in Minnesota, another rare old timer, and worthy of any collectors private collection. Price \$1.00. These are the most rarest two reproductions ye editor Cummings has ever brought out.

Bill Burns of Rockland, Maine, was down here from Sept. 27th to 29th, and met Eli Messier and Clyde Wakefield. He saw some novels and story papers too. What a time he had. P. J. Moran is expected most any time now, for a few days too.

Charles Duprez and wife were up here Aug. 17th and went off and left his coat. Frisco Bert's wife lost her scarf too, I ought to start a collection!

A. M. Brooking, director of the Hastings Museum died a few months ago, up in Hastings, Nebr.

Flash—Bill Claggett of Jacksonville, Fla., got hitched up a couple months ago. Best of luck to you and yours, pal.

J. P. Guinon says "Super Sports Mag. for September, a pulp mag. that sells for 15c has an amusing story in it about a professional team that defeated a team of the Merriwells and their friends in both football and basketball.

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